29th November 1928]

Report of the Director of Industries on grazing areas in Cuddapah district.

*815 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place on the table the report of the Director of Industries in regard to grazing areas for sheep and goats in Cuddapah district referred to in his answer to question No. 272, dated 8th September 1928?

A.—Question No. 272 answered on 8th September 1928 refers to grazing in the Bellary district not in the Cuddapah district.

The Director of Industries report [a] is placed on the table.

Excise

Number of toddy and arrack shops in Anantapur district.

*816 Q.—Mr. C. OBI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of toddy and arrack shops in the district of Anantapur, talukwar;

(b) the number of villages in which both toddy and arrack shops co-exist;

(c) what is the number of toddy and arrack shops in the district this year and what was their number in the three years just previous to this year; and

(d) what is the excise revenue this year in each of the taluks in the district from toddy and arrack shops respectively; and what was it in the three years just previous to the current year?

A.—(a) to (d) The hon. Member is referred to Imperial Return No. III of the Excise Administration Reports for 1925-26, 1926-27 and 1927-28 (which have been published) in regard to the number of toddy and arrack shops in the Anantapur district during the last three years. The Government have not the information on the other points referred to in the questions and have called for a report.

Work done by excise advisory committees in Anantapur district.

*817 Q.—Mr. C. OBI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of local excise advisory committees in the district of Anantapur and the territorial jurisdiction of each;

(b) the names of the members in each of the committees;

(c) whether proposals for the opening of new shops (toddy and arrack) or for the removal of existing shops are to be placed before the said committees for their deliberation and opinion before new shops are opened and existing shops are removed;

(d) whether the said local advisory committees were consulted by the Government before the new arrack or toddy shops, if any, were opened this year; and

(e) whether during last year any shops were closed by the Government on the recommendation of the local advisory committees, and if so, how many?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 525 infra.

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

(*c*) & (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules framed for the conduct of business by the Excise Advisory Committee—*vide* notification of the Commissioner of Excise No. 10, dated 25th August 1927, published at pages 1261–1263 of Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th September 1927. The rules contemplate that the Committee should consider the matters referred to by the hon. Member, and the Government have no reason to think that the local officers did not observe these rules.

(*e*) The hon. Member is referred to statement B of the Excise Administration Report for 1927–28, which has been published. The Committee recommended the closure of four arrack shops and all the four were closed.

Mr. C. Obi Reddi :—" May I know whether local advisory committees have not been formed in all the four revenue divisions of the district of Anantapur ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Location of the toddy shop near Dr. C. M. Pai's house at Nileshwar.

*818 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the toddy shop located near Dr. C. M. Pai's house at Nileshwar, South Kanara, is at a distance of only about 30 yards from his house and dispensary and that on account of constant brawls of drunken people therein who oftentimes even enter his compound, the peace and comforts of himself, his family and his patients are greatly disturbed ;

(*b*) whether by a petition, dated 5th August 1927, he brought this to the notice of Mr. E. M. Gawne, the then Collector ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that he has likewise petitioned time and again to the local police and the tahsildar ;

(*d*) what are the orders of the Collector on his petition ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that after local inspection Mr. Gawne ordered a fresh site to be chosen as soon as possible as it was then the middle of the year and the renter of the shop would not agree to shift at once ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that regardless of his complaints, the shop still continues in the same place, even though another less objectionable place was selected ;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that the old site is being continued simply from the point of higher revenue ; and

(*h*) what steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) to (*h*) The Government have not the information and have called for a report.